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Rescind Change Request (CR) 4177- Eliminate the Use of Surrogate UPINs (OTH000) on Medicare Claims

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, non-physician practitioners, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare carriers, durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs), fiscal intermediaries (FIs), or regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for diagnostic, radiology, consultation services, and equipment

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2006.

- The implementation date is April 3, 2006.

- Change Request (CR) 5019 rescinds CR4177, which eliminated the use of the surrogate Unique Physician Identification Number (UPIN) OTH000 on claims submitted by billers, suppliers, physicians and non-physician practitioners.

- Surrogate UPINs are intended to be used during an interim period when a UPIN has been requested but has not yet been received.

- Because eliminating the use of the surrogate UPIN OTH000 may adversely impact the ability of providers to bill the Medicare program, Medicare contractors are instructed to **discontinue all work to eliminate the use of the Surrogate UPIN "OTH000" in claims processing and continue to use Surrogate UPIN "OTH000" for submitted claims and other internal purposes.**

Important Links

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5019.pdf

For complete details, affected providers may view the official instruction issued to their carrier/DMERC/FI/RHHI regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R145PI.pdf on the CMS web site.

Inquirers can obtain providers' UPINs at http://www.upinregistry.com/.

If affected providers have any questions, they may contact their carrier/DMERC/FI/RHHI at their toll-free number, which may be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts/ on the CMS web site.